IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

SHAWN PETHTEL,

v.

Petitioner,

Civil Action No. 1:07cv74 (Judge Keeley)

THOMAS MCBRIDE, Warden,

Respondent.

ROSEBORO NOTICE

On September 13, 2007, the respondent filed a Motion for Summary Judgment in this case. Because the petitioner is proceeding *pro se*, the Court has a mandatory duty to advise him of his right to file responsive material, and to alert him to the fact that the failure to so respond may result in the entry of an order of dismissal against him. <u>Davis v. Zahradrich</u>, 600 F.2d 458, 460 (4th Cir. 1979); <u>Roseboro v. Garrison</u>, 528 F.2d 309, 310 (4th Cir. 1975).

Summary judgment is appropriate where "there is no genuine issue of material fact and the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law." Fed.R.Civ.Proc. 56(c). "A party seeking summary judgment always bears the initial responsibility of informing the district court of the basis for its motion, and identifying those portions of 'the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if any,' which it believes demonstrate the absence of a genuine issue of material fact." Celotex Corp. v. Catrett, 477 U.S. 317, 323 (1986). The nonmoving party is required "to make a sufficient showing on an essential element of her case with respect to which she has the burden of proof." Id. at 322. When a moving party supports its motion with affidavits and other materials, the opposing party "may not rest upon the

mere allegations or denials of the adverse party's pleadings, but ... the response ... by affidavits or

as otherwise provided in this rule, must set forth specific facts showing that there is a genuine issue

for trial." Fed.R.Civ.Proc. 56(e). Summary judgment is proper "[w]here the record taken as a whole

could not lead a rational trier of fact to find for the non-moving party, there [being] no genuine issue

for trial." Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. v. Zenith Radio Corp., 475 U.S. 574, 587 (1986)

(quotation omitted).

Accordingly, the petitioner has thirty (30) days from the date of this Order to file any

opposition he has to the Respondent's motion.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to the pro se petitioner by certified mail,

return receipt requested, to his last known address as shown on the docket sheet. The Clerk is

further directed to provide copies of this Order to all counsel of record, as provided in the

Administrative Procedures for Electronic Case Filing in the United States District Court for the

Northern District of West Virginia.

DATED: September 21, 2007.

Is John S. Kaull

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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